

1 AN ACT in relation to schools.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3-14.20 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3-14.20) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-14.20)

7 Sec. 3-14.20. Building plans and specifications. To
8 inspect the building plans and specifications, including but
9 not limited to plans and specifications for the heating,
10 ventilating, lighting, seating, water supply, toilets and
11 safety against fire of public school rooms and buildings
12 submitted to him by school boards, and to approve all those
13 which comply substantially with the building code authorized
14 in Section 2-3.12. Within 10 business days after the regional
15 superintendent of schools receives plans and specifications
16 from a school board and prior to the bidding process, he or
17 she shall notify the municipality and, if applicable, the
18 fire protection district where the school that is being
19 constructed or altered lies that plan and specifications have
20 been submitted. In the case of an unincorporated area, the
21 county shall be notified. If (i) local fire, building, or
22 plumbing inspectors in the municipality, fire protection
23 district, or county request a review of the plans and
24 specifications or (ii) the regional superintendent of schools
25 requests that any of these local inspectors review the plans
26 and specifications and the municipality, fire protection
27 district, or county determines that it can accommodate this
28 request, then the school board shall submit a copy of the
29 plans and specifications to the local inspectors. The local
30 inspectors or, on behalf of the local inspectors, a certified
31 plan reviewer or certified inspector shall comment on the

1 plans and specifications based on the building code
2 authorized in Section 2-3.12 and respond to the regional
3 superintendent of schools within 15 business days after a
4 copy of the plans and specifications has been received by the
5 local inspectors. "Certified plan reviewer" and "certified
6 inspector" mean an individual who has been certified as such
7 by a national model code organization or equivalent agency
8 approved by the Capital Development Board. If the local
9 inspectors or certified inspector wish to inspect the actual
10 school construction or alteration, the local inspectors or
11 certified inspector must set up an initial pre-construction
12 meeting with the regional superintendent of schools,
13 outlining the inspection schedule and construction reviews.
14 The regional superintendent of schools shall then notify the
15 school district. The local inspectors or certified inspector
16 shall respond to the regional superintendent of schools with
17 any comments at the completion of each inspection. The
18 review and inspection shall be done at no cost to the school
19 district. With respect to the provisions of this Section
20 concerning the review of the plans and specifications and the
21 inspection of the actual school construction or alteration,
22 in the case of Cook County, references to the regional
23 superintendent of schools shall be deemed to refer to the
24 intermediate service center for the school district. The
25 local fire department or fire protection district where the
26 school is being constructed or altered may request a review
27 of the plans and specifications. The regional superintendent
28 of schools shall submit a copy of the plans and
29 specifications within 10 business days after the request. The
30 fire department or fire protection district may comment on
31 the plans and specifications based on the building code
32 authorized in Section 2-3.12 of the Code and, if any
33 corrective action must be taken, shall respond to the
34 regional superintendent of schools within 15 days after

1 receipt of the plans and specifications. The Office of the
2 State Fire Marshal may review the plans and specifications at
3 the request of the fire department or fire protection
4 district. The review must be conducted at no cost to the
5 school district.

6 If such plans and specifications are not approved or
7 denied approval by the regional superintendent of schools
8 within 3 months after the date on which they are submitted to
9 him or her, the school board may submit such plans and
10 specifications directly to the State Superintendent of
11 Education for approval or denial.

12 (Source: P.A. 92-593, eff. 1-1-03.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.